

A SERMON VPON PART OF THE EIGH- TEENTH PSALM:

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bly of Scholers in the Vniuer-
sitie of Oxford the last day
of August, 1586. by
JOHN RAINOLDS:

Vpon occasion of their meeting to giue
thanks to God for the late detection
and apprehension of Traitors, who
wickedlie conspired against the
Queenes Maiestie and the
state of the Realme.

PSALME 20. 6.

*Nowe know I that the Lord doth saue his annointed,
doth heare him out of his holie heauens, by excel-
lent strength, the safegard of his right hand.*

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IOHN RAINOLDES,
to the reader: grace &
peace in Christ.



He reasons that moued
me (good christian rea-
der) to preach this short
Sermon vpon shorter
warning than gladlie I
woulde, haue preuailed
with me to set it downe in writing also
at more leasure, & to publish it. For both
the godly subiectes may bee stirred vp
thereby to greater thankfulnes for the
manifold blessings that God by her
Maiesties means, and in her safetie, hath
bestowed vpon vs: and the discontented
may be put in mind to content the-
selues with *the waters of Shiloah*, albeit ² *Esai. 8. 6.*
running softly, least *the great and mightie*
waters of the Riuer goe ouer all their bankes,
breake into Iuda, and ouerflowe it. The for-
mer whereof I knowe that I cannot be
deceiued in: because rain and snow doe
not fal in vaine vpon fruitfull ground.
In the latter, I hope, I shall not altoge-
ther. Vnlesse with Religion both witte
& reason haue forsaken them: that they
care as little for honesty, as for piety; for
A 3 pro-

The Preface

2.King.16.10.
2.Chr.28.20.
King.18.14.
Platin.de
itis Pont.in
Iohanne 24.

profit, as for honesty, Eor what can they
looke for at the handes of foreiners,
though knit in neuer so strait confede-
racie with them, & ioyned in profession
of the same faith, or perfidiousnes ra-
ther, of the falsly named *Catholike* reli-
gion, more then the *Iewes* had of the *Assy-*
rians? by whom for al their^b altar erected
to the pattern of the *Assyrian* at *Damas-*
cus,^c they were often grievously vexed
and pilled.^d When the citizens of *Papia*
in *Italie* were at dissension by reason of
the faction betweene the *Guelphes* and
the *Gibellines*: the *Gibellines* procured a
fauorer of theirs, called *Facinus Canis*, to
come and assist them with a power of
men, vpon agreement & couenant that
he should haue the goods of the *guelphes*
for his pay, But he, being come once in-
to the citie with his men of warre, spa-
red neither of them: his souldiors would
be serued. Whereof when the *Gibellines*
did complain vnto him, saing that *their*
goods too were spoiled against agreement: he
answered, that *themselves were Gibellines,*
and should be safe: but their goods mere Guel-
phes, and must pay for it. The *Gibellines* of
Papia could not foresee this: our *Catho-*
likes by rhem may, Let them leaue their
brain-

brainficke desires and diuelish purposes
of bringing a *Facinus Canis* into their
countrie: least by experience they feele
(which God forbid) that though them-
selues be *Catholikes*, their goods may bee
Heretikes; perhaps some *Heretick-blood*
in their bodies also, by cōtagion of ours.
The lord take away this stony hart from
them, and geue them an hart of flesh, a
new spirit: that we may al iointly praise
him for the deliuerance of our gracious
Queene, and pray for the continuance
of her blessed gouernment, to the ho-
nour of his name, the furtherance of his
gospel, the welfare of his Church, the
peace and prosperitie of our English
Iuda, the grieve and disappointment of
Popish *Assyrians*, and the confusion of
Antichrist.

At Corpus Christi
College in Oxford, Octob. 24. 1586.

IT IS WRITTEN IN THE BOOKE OF

Psalmes, the eighteenth

Psalme, the fortise-
uenth verse, & the
rest that follow.

47 The Lord liueth, and my bles-
sed strength: therefore let the God
of my saluation be exalted.

48 The mighty God, that geueth me
reuengementes, and bringeth peo-
ple vnder me.

49 That deliuereth mee from mine
enemies: yea, thou hast exalted mee
aboue them that rose vp against me,
thou hast deliuered mee from the
cruel man.

50 Therefore will I confesse thee, O
Lord, among the Gentiles, and I will
sing vnto thy name:

51 He geueth great deliuerances to
his king, and sheweth mercie to his
anointed; to Dauid, and to his seede
for euer.



I hath beene a
godly custome of
the faithfull, al-
though not obser-
ued so customa-
bly alwaies as by
the Rules of
saith it ought,
that when they receiued any special bene-
fit, either in attaining to things commodi-
ous for them, or in auoiding of discōmodi-
ties: they lifted vp their voices to the au-
tor of it, the Father of mercies, the god of
al cōfort, and did honour him with giuing
special thanks for it. Melchisedek, king
of Salem, a man of power & credit in the
land of Canaan, had not so gr: at cause to
care for the state of Abram and Lot, two
strangers in the land. Yet when Abram
had rescued Lot being taken, & had spoi-
led the spoilers: Melchisedek brake forth
into his praise who gaue the victory,
Blessed be the high God, which hath
deliuered thine enemies into thy hand.
The state of the Israēlites touched Moses
neerer: how much the lesse is it to be mar-
uelled at if hee thought it his duty to ma-
gnify the Lord for guiding them out of E-
gypt through the red Sea, and drowning
Pharao

^a Phil. 4. 6.

Col. 3. 17.

1. Thel. 5. 18.

^b Gen. 14. 20.

^c Exod. 15. 1.

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Pharao with his host. Though that the children of Israel themselves, an vnthankful, murmuring, and stifnecked nation, should ioyne therein with Moses, all, both men and women: it is a president woorthy to be noted to the shame of Christians, if in greater measure of the grace of God wee shewe lesse gratitude for his graces. The feasting and ioy that the^d Iewes kept for their owne deliuerance out of the snares of Haman, and for his destruction with the partakers of his conspiracie, might seeme to bee onely a profane reioycing as worldly minded men commonly do vse at their good successes. But, that it was holy & seasoned with a sacrifice, such a sacrifice as lawfully they might offer there where then they were dispersed, the circumstance of sending partes vnto the poor, wth precepts & examples of daies in like sort kept holy to the Lord doth argue. We are assembled at this present, fathers and brethren beloued in the Lord, to giue him most humble and most hartly thanks for his great & singular goodnes shewed vnto vs in discovering the traiterous intent of graceles wretches, who vilanously conspired to take away the life of our gracious Queene (whom God long preserve)

Est. 9. 17.

Deutr. 16. 14.
Neh. 8. 11.

for the Queenes deliuerance.

serue,) and to kindle flames of vprores
through the realme, to the vtter wastings
of her faithfull subiectes. O that wee had
the harts to praise him for it with the like
religious affection of spirite in zeale and
sincerity, as Melchisedek did for Lot re-
couered by Abram, as Moses & the Israē-
lites for the Egyptian yoke broken, as the
Iewes for their safety and the destruction
of their enemies. Sure we haue greater
causes so to doe, then any of them had. For
Lot was but one, and that a meane man:
not much indangered more then of losse of
libertie. Here a most excellent Princesse
was in hazard, not of libertie, but of life:
with God knoweth how many righteous
Lots besides. And the bodily toiles which
the Israēlites endured in Egypt vnder the
taskemasters that Pharaο placed ouer
them, were nothing in comparison of the
spiritual bondage of the Antichristian ty-
rantes, to whom, might these Egyptian
impes haue had their willes, we should (it
is likely) haue beene most lamentably en-
thralled. Neither hath the Lord so merci-
fully deliuered vs out of the Lyons mouth
at this time onely, but at sundry other
heretofore often: that the Iewes could not
bee so much beholding to him for that of
Haman

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Hamã, who did not liue to put them moze then once in danger. Wherefore that wee may accept the moze thankfully and dutifully esteeme of his inestimable goodnesse, in sauing our gracious Queene and vs her subiectes from so great, so many so imminent mischiefs: I haue thought good to take for the ground of mine aduertisement and exhortation these woordes, which you haue heard, witten by the godly Prince and Prophet Dauid in the eighteenth Psalme, a song of thankes giuing, which he made whē the Lord had deliuered him out of the hand of all his enemies and out of the hand of Saul. For so is it noted in the title thereof, and manifested farther by the course of the storie in the second of Samuel, where the same is wholly registred againe wel-nigh word for word, as a most worthy and memorable monument to bee thought vpon est soones of all posterity, that on like fauour receiued of the lord they might shew themselves alike grateful to him. In these woordes therefore comprehending brieftlie the purport and drift of the whole Psalme by way of conclusion, two thinges are recommended to our considerations: one is the benefit of God in deliuering Dauid from

2. Sam. 22. 1.

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from his enemies; the other, the thankfulness of David vnto God for that deliuerance. The benefit of God in deliuering David is signified by that he saith, The Lord liueth. For he meaneth not that the Lord liueth in respect of his being, his euerlasting essence, in which sense notwithstanding^b hee is said to liue, and to liueⁱ only: but in respect of his woorkes, his effects to David ward, in whose preservation he sheweth that hee liueth, and saueth his, and ruleth all thinges by his eternal prouidence. Which meaning David openeth in that he adioyneth, and my blessed strength: calling god his strength, his fortresse, his rock, his blessed strength and foretresse, because his life, his safetie, his wel-fare is mainteined by the might and mercy of the liuing God. As in^k the beginning he testified also: The Lord is my rocke, and my fortresse, and my deliuerer, my God, my strength in whom I will trust, my shield, & the horne of my saluation, my refuge. And this is the benefit of God vnto David. The thankfulness of David vnto God foloweth: Therefore let the God of my saluation be exalted. Wherein, by the way, the cause of his thankfulness, to wheet, the benefit, is repeated,

^b Act. 14. 15.

Reu. 10. 6.

& 15. 7.

ⁱ 1. Tim. 6. 1.

^k Psal. 18. 2.

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ted. For though in our tounge the name of saluation is by common vse referred to the blisseful state of life eternal in the kingdome of heauen, whereto the scripture phrase doth likewise oft refer it: yet is it applied in the Prophets language heere to bodily safety and tempozal preservation of this present life. As 2 saluations also are¹ afterwarde mentioned, or as our English translation interpreteth it) deliuerances: and^m befoze, he set downe the general proposition with the same worde, I cal vpon the lord who is worthy to be praised, & I am³ safe from mine enemies. vnto this authoz then of his safety he rendereth praise and honour: and that in such sort as may stir vp others thereunto withal, that God by the thanksg-iuing of more may be more glorified, let him be exalted. To the perfourmance of the which dutie that he may geue a sharper edge and hotter zeale to himselfe and others: he amplifieth and openeth more particularly both the cause of the duty, and the duty it selfe, in the verses following. Touching the cause of the duty, he saith, The mightie God, that giueth mee reuengementes, and bringeth people vnder me, that deliuereth mee from mine enemies: yea, thou

Heb. yw

myw

vers. 51.

vers. 3.

yw

for the Queenes deliverance.

thou hast exalted mee above them that
 rose vp against mee, thou hast deliuered
 me from the cruel man. A summary but
 pithy rehearſal of the ſpecialties of the
 fauour doone him by God againſt ^a Saul, ^a 1.Sam.18.8
 againſt ^a Sauls ſonne Iſh. boſheth, againſt ^a 19.& 23.&
 the ^a Philiftines, the ^a Moabites, the ^a 24.& 26.
^a Syrians, the ^a Ammonites, the ^a A- ^a 2.Sam.2.&
 malekites, and the ^a Idumæans, againſt ^a 3.& 4.
^a Abſalom, againſt ^a Sheba, with their ^a 2.Sam.5.& 8
 rebellious complices of Iſrael and Iuda ^a 2.Sam.8.
 too. Of whom a great many were puni- ^a 2.Sam.8.& 10
 ſhed in iuſtice: ^a the Lord auenging him, ^a 2.Sam.8.&
 of ſome, by other mens handes; ^a of ſome ^a 10.& 11.
 by his owne, as being armed thereunto ^a 1.Sam.30.8
 with ^a the ſworde of vengeance. The ^a 2.Sam.8.
 reſt though their liues wer ſpared in mer- ^a 2.Sam.8.&
 cy yet were they brought in awe and ſub- ^a Pſal.60.
 iection vnder him. So himſelfe, his ene- ^a 2.Sam.15.&
 mies either not remaining or not remai- ^a 17.& 18.
 ning enemies, at the leaſt not daring to ^a 2.Sam.20.
 practiſe their enmitie was deliuered from ^a 2.Sam.4.8.
 them. Wea, (which he uttereth more em- ^a 2.Sam.10.18
 phatically by turning of his ſpeech to god) ^a & 18.31.
 God did exalt him & aduance him higher ^a Rom.13.4.
 then any of his aduerſaries that roſe vp
 againſt him, & deliuered him from Saul,
 who of long time purſued him moſt fierly
 and put him oft in preſent daunger of his
 life,

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Heb. the mā
of violences.

2. Sam. 22. 49.

life, from the cruel, violent, the most violent man. Touching his duty whereupon, he addeth, Therefore will I confesse thee, o Lord, among the Gentiles; and I wil sing vnto thy name: he geueth great deliuerances to his king, and sheweth mercie to his anointed, to Dauid and to his seed for euer. To confesse the Lord, is to acknowledge him to be the autour & giuer of whatsoeuer good we haue: to sing vnto his name, is with ioyfull melodie of voice to acknowledge it. Both these thinges doth Dauid bow that hee wil do: and therein will testify, euen befoze the Gentiles, that the Lorde, who made him king, and anointed him, doth geue him great deliuerances, and sheweth him mercy, noz only him, but his too, his seed, his posteritie and progenie for euer. The very literal sense of the which words doth import an excellent thankfulnesse in Dauid, that would yeeld such tokēs therof among the Gentiles, the heathens who he had subdued: a more excellent goodnes and graciousnes in God, who raised him to roial state, and mightily preserved him in it, and ridde him out of many dangers, and shewed mercy still to him, yea to his offspring also that should raigne after him.

But

Psal. 118. 43.

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But al this is base in respect of that which
the holy ghoſt in a ſpiritual meaning doth
hereby ſignify and botoken. For Dauid
was anointed king of the Iewes, made
conquerour of Gentiles, caſt into perils,
troubles, paines of death, and by ſpeciall
grace againe deliuered from them, to the
intent he might be a figure (as wee terme
it) an image and picture, an hiſtopical pic-
ture, and a liuing image, that ſhould re-
ſemble and repreſent the perſon of an o-
ther. ^dDauid, ^ehis ſonne our Saviour ^dEzck. 34. 23.
Chriſt. Which miſtery ^fhim ſelf know- ^{& 37. 24.}
ing as a Prophet, did write (by inspira- ^eIer. 23. 5.
tion from God) ſundry thinges, whereof ^{& 33. 15.}
the full and perfit accompliſhment appee- ^fAct. 2. 36.
reth in Chriſt and his kingdome, as, ^gthe ^gMat. 27. 35.
ſcriptures teach vs: though a thinne and ^{Mar. 12. 10.}
ſlender perſormance of the ſame was be- ^{Ioh. 1. 17.}
foze expreſſed and drawen out, as it were, ^{& 19. 28.}
by lineaments and ſhadowes of a type and ^{Act. 4. 25.}
figure in Dauid & his ſtate. So the great ^{& 13. 33.}
deliuerāces and ſaluations temporal, ge- ^{Rom. 15. 3.}
uen and aſſured to Dauid, and to his ſeed ^{Heb. 2. 12.}
for euer after a ſort, that is for long conti- ^{& 10. 5.}
nuance of many yeares ſucceſſion, did pre-
figure greater ſpiritual deliuerances, and
ſaluations ſimply and abſolutely eternal,
which ſhould be likewise giuen to Chriſt

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Elai. 53. 10.
 Jer. 33. 22.
 Ioh. 1. 12.
 2. Cor. 5. 20.
 1. Pet. 1. 23.
 Gen. 3. 15.
 Rom. 16. 20.
 Reu. 12. 7.
 1. Co. 15. ver.
 5. 9 ver. 55.
 Mat. 4. 6.
 Heb. 1. 14.
 Psal. 91. 12.
 Heb. 9. 12.
 & 10. 19.
 Psal. 16. 11.
 Act. 2. 28.
 Reu. 21. 4.

and to his ^B seede, that is, to the faithfull,
 the children of God whom ^I Christ doth
 beget in his Church ^I by the immortall
 seede of his woorde. To ^m Christ and to
 his ⁿ seede is giuen the treading downe
 of the serpent, the ouerthrow and victo-
 rie of Satan and his Angels. To ^p Christ
 and to ^q his seede is death quelled, the
 graue vanquished, the power of hel daun-
 ted, and all their enemies put to flight.
 To ^r Christ and to ^r his seede is 'a gard
 of Angels appointed for their safety, an
 entrance into Heauen opened, and ^s the
 ioyes of life, of euerlasting solace, of end-
 lesse rest, assured. Which most excellent
 mercies, deliuerances, saluations, as the
 Prophets commonly in the ende of their
 prophecies doo commend to men by figu-
 ratiue speeches of Israël, of Iuda, of Sion,
 of Ierusalem, & blessings incident there-
 too: so in this conclusion of his song of
 thankes doth Dauid ascend to them by the
 other, to shew himselfe grateful vnto God
 for them. A prooffe whereof we haue in the
 last woordes that he concludeth with. For
 therein he seemeth to respect the promise,
 that ^v the Lorde woulde set vp his seede
 after him, and stablish the throne of his
 kingdome for euer. Which the Angel
 Gabriel

2. Sam. 7. 12.

Gabriel, sent to the Virgine Maiey, ex-
poundeth of Christ, telling her that God ^{2 Luk. 1. 31.}
shal giue vnto her the throne of his Fa-
ther David, and her shall reigne ouer
the house of Iacob for ever: and of his
kingdome shall be no end. And farther
proofo in the fouther clause touching his
confessing of God among the Gentiles:
considering that Saul doth saith the good-
nes of Christ in receiuing the Gentiles ^{2 Rom. 15. 9.}
to his glory to be meant thereby. As if the
holy Prophet had said that he would ble-
sse a newe and vnaccustomed thankfullnes to
God for his passing singular and unspeak-
able benefits: neither would confesse him
among the Iewes onely, as then the faith-
ful did according to their order of praying
in the Temple; but among the Gentiles
also in time to come, when they being cal-
led to the church of Christ should be made
acquainted with his Psalmes and Hymns,
and learne to praise the Lorde with him.
So that I may saie the same of these
words, that on like occasion our Saviour
did of other, ^{2 Luk. 4. 21.} This day is the scripture
fulfilled in your eares. Howbeit not only
these words of this scripture are fulfilled
this day: but the other too, that Iaysooth
the fauour of God vnto his children in sa-
ying

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uing his abointed. For what moze commoditie did the Iewes receiue by King Dauid's meanes, then we by our soueraine Lady Queen Elisabeth? What enimies, what dangers, what deaths did he escape: from the like whereof the Lorde hath not as often, as woonderfully, preserved her Maiestie? The arke of the couenaut, wherein the testimonie was laid, whereon the mercie-seate was placed, from which the voice of God was hearde, at which his name was called vpon, where to they had not sought in the daies of Saul, King David brought into his cittie: and caused the Leuites to play on instrumentes of musicke, and lift vp their voices at the bringing of it. Queene Elisabeth hath brought vs the body and trueth of that whereof his ceremonies were but shadowes onlie, the free vse and Christian doctrine of the Gospell, the word of God, the holy Scriptures, the praiers and publike seruice of the highest, al in a language knowen to all: and hath moued her Subiectes to receiue these means of their instruction and saluation with Psalmes, and hymnes, and spiritual songs, singing with a grace in their harts vnto the Lord. David to those heauenly

Exod. 25. 16.

Numb. 7. 89.

2. Sam. 6. 2.

1. Chro. 13. 3.

2. Sam. 6. 12.

1. Chr. 15. 16.

1. Cor. 14. 19.

2. Tim 3. 15.

1. Col. 3. 16.

for the Queene's deliuerance.

uenly treasures added earthly, & enriched
his kingdome ^m with siluer and goulde.
The puritie of coine restored by her Ma-
iestie for base and copper monies where-
with she found the realme pestered, doth
say no lesse for her: beside plate of siluer
and golde with other ornaments in so
great plenty, as if God would verifie ac-
cording to the letter that which he promi-
sed his Church in a mysterie, ^m For brasse
wil I bring gold, and for yron wil I bring
siluer. Much did it make for the safetie of
Iury, that ^o David put garisons in Syria
and Idumza, countries that bordered up-
on the North and South thereof. Much.
But more for England, that Elisabeth
(to passe ouer the fortifying of borders)
hath furnished it with all sort of armour,
and munition, neuer more or better: and
thereto with a roiall nauie of vessels, so
statelie, so strong, so wel appointed for warre,
that our lande is fenced wth walles, not on-
ly of wood ^p as Grecia was against Xer-
xes, but of brasse & yron too against forein
enemies. The people of Israel confessed of
them-selues that ¹ they were deliuered
out of the hand of the Philistines, and o-
ther enemies by that King. The warres
which our Queene hath had for our safe-

^m 2. Sam. 8. 10.
& 12. 30.

^m Esa. 60. 17.

^o 2. Sam. 8.

^p Herodot. in
Polyuni

¹ 2. Sam. 17. 9.

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gard in Scotland and France, euen 'al
liens haue seen and shewen to the worlde
that they were atchauned with maruellous
honour and aduantage to her selfe & her
realm. As this (by Gods grace) which she
hath presently vppon the like ground in
the low countries, shal be in due time affo
Again, how sweet a peate haue we so long
enioied vnder her at home, as vnder a Sa
lomon in that consideration rather then
a Dauid? The fruites whereof, if nothing
from abroad had sprung to our wealth
and wel-fare (which hath notwithstanding
in no small abundance) might coun
teruaile the profites that did growe to
Iury by Davids watres and victories,
Yea, our dearth and sickenes the chastie
mentes and afflictions that now we doe
cast, or did heretofore y^e (as needes wee
must come, and expedient wee should)
haue been but gentle threats to her Maie
ties subiectes, in respect of his: the fa
mine, that lasted thre yeares together;
the plauge that consumed seuentie thou
sand men. And though by occasion of offi
ciculties and wants, what of men, what of
maintenance, her highnes hath not yet bin
able to prouide that wise & faithfull work
men for the persute edifieng of the house of

God

od. Gulcci.
lin. com-
nt. de reb.
emorab in
urop. lib. 3.
achana. rer.
ot. lib. 16.
17. Com-
ent. de stat.
l & reip. in
al. lib. 5. & 6.
The Queens
eclarat. tou-
hing aide
euen to the
ow countries.
King. 4. 25.
2. Sam. 8. 2.

Heb. 12. 7.
Psal 119. 71.
2. Sam. 21. 1.

2. Sam. 24. 15.

for the Queenes deliuerance.

God with doctrine and discipline shoulde
be set in euery Church through her domi-
nion; as neither was^b Dauid by reason
of his warres to build by the Temple: yet
as hee prepared thinges necessarie for it,
that it might be the better doon whe time
should serue, so hath shee by fostering Col-
leges and Schooles, the nurseries of the
ministerie. Her princely care wherof hath
appeered specially of late vnto vs in a
branch of our Oliue that was almost wi-
thered, the state of Queenes College,
Which she hath refreshed, confirmed, ad-
uanced, with benefits and immunities so
bountifullly and nobely: that wee and our
posteritie haue as iust cause to thinke of
Queene Elisabeth in the name therof, as
of Queene Philippa. Our whole Oliue-
tree did generally feeble it befoze in the fa-
mous and woortthy Act of Parlament
‘for the maintenance of Colleges & the
reliefe of Scholers in both the Vniuersi-
ties, & also Winchester & Eaton. An Act
that I haue hard men of iudgemēt say & I
am perswaded that they said truly, (God
grant the care of Heades and industrie of
Students do bring it to effect,) may proue
as beneficial for the encrease of learning,
as might the erecting at least of two Col-
leges.

^b 1. Chr. 22.

18. El. c. 2.

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leges. The commodities then, which wee haue receiued by her blessed gouernement are as great & many, as those which the Iewes did receiue by Dauids. That we can not chuse but acknowledge gods fauour to haue been as singularly extended vnto vs in preserving her, as it was to the in preserving him. For although her Maiestie hath not been assaulted by so many foine enemies as Dauid: yet by more domestical. Wherein her deliuerances are to be esteemed so much the more precious, by howe much it is easier to beware of open foes, then of secret; of vipers that are farder off, then in our bosomes; of ^dAbners, though valiant, who professe hostilitie then of trecherous ^cIoabs, who pretend amitie. First (in Queen Maries time) the house of Saul, I meane the broode of them who prefer will-woorships before obedience to God, fearing, as ^sSaul did, that their seedes succession should not be established as long as Dauid liued, desired & deuised to bring that to passe which ^hone of them since made none it was not done, the boughes were cut off, the root was not hewed vp. But the are, which he wished to the pleasant roote, set on the roote of bitternes his owne hearie scalpe: the deuises of the wicked

2. Sam. 2. 22.

2. Sam. 3. 27.

& 20. 9.

2. Sam. 15. 21.

1. Sam. 20. 31.

D. Story.

ander. visib.

onar. lib. 7.

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ked were disappointed by the Lozde, and their desires frustrated. Afterward the usurper, the Ish-bosheth of Rome, indeed an * Ish-bosheth, when she was anointed and settled in her throne, sought to dispossesse her by his accursed curse and Antichristian sentence declared and published in his Bul. Moorton sent from him, to stir vp wicked spirites to the executing of it. The Earles of Northumberland & Westmerland in armes, with thousands of rebels. When they were fled and scattered: their outrage renewed by Dacres and his legion. The Bull it selfe proclaimed, as it were, by Felton, to gather mo conspirators to it. Al in vaine still. For the hand of the Lord was ouer his handmaid, & made his woord good, that the vnderfetched curse came not vpon her: it^k came to them who loued it and they were clothed with it as with a garment. Yet behold an other rebellion intended by certaine Norfolk gentlemen, chiefly Iohn Throckmorton. But crushed in the shel, before it was hatched. And looke what successe had the gentlemen of Norfolk, the same had the Duke. Whose purpose to depriue her Highnes of the crowne and set it on his own head by mariag of the Scottish

* That is to say
a man of
shame and
confusion.

¹ Prou 26.2.

^k PL 109.17.

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tish Queenē : howe hee was incouraged
 thereto by the Pope, ¹how much money of-
 fered by him: in the mean time, & at a time
 appointed ² how many thousand souldi-
 ours, with as many thousand moe by the
 king of Spaine: ³ where they should haue
 landed, and thence (being ioynd with the
 Dukes forces) haue gone to surprize the
 Tower of London: on of their own sect a
 man of reputation, ¹ Emilio Maria Mano-
 lessio doth write in his Italian storie : la-
 mēting the case, that so braue a com-plot
 had so vnhappy an ende. ² Nowe what
 should I say of the traitours in Ireland? of
 Stukeley the rakehell, ³ the Popes Irish
 Marques, sent thither to subdue it slain in
 Barbarie by the way; of Sāders the priest,
 the firebrand of sedition, dead there agree-
 ably to his life; of the arch-rebels, the
 Earle of Desinond, and his brother, ser-
 ued both like ⁴ Sheba; of the whole rable of
 their mates and souldiours, Italian, Spa-
 nish, Irish, feeling by the vengeance of de-
 served miseries the follie and furie of
 their lewd attempts. ⁵ What of the baine-
 sicke youth, Summerfield? ⁶ Whose inter-
 prize in substance like vnto Achitophels,
 did purchase ⁷ Achitophels euent and end
 vnto him. ⁸ What of Parry, the proude mis-
 creant?

¹ Dodici mille
scudi.

² Diece mille
fanti.

³ Ad Harwich

¹ Histor. nou.

dal' ann. 1570.

sino all ann.

1572. lib. 3.

² Pontificius
Prefectus,
Marchio Hi-
bernæ Gene-
bra. Chro-
nog. lib. 4.

³ 2. Sam. 20. 22.

⁴ 2. Sam. 17. 23.

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creant? who hauing opportunity to worke
his diabolish vow, and being resolute to do
it, the Pope incensling him with allow-
ance of the fact and plenary pardon of his
sinnes, the Cardinal of Como with com-
mendation and request, the Papists some
with counsel, some with praier for him,
some with remembrance at the altar, and
Allens traisterous libell making it cleere
in his conscience that it was lawfull and
meritorious, euerie word therein a war-
rant to a minde prepared: there was but
a step betweene her and death, had not
God bewraied him by his Jonathan, and
by the hand of iustice giuen him that meed
which his vow did merite. An intet as mis-
chieuous and moze potent meanes had the
next conspiracy, which dealt in befoze by
Francis Throckmorton, was after pro-
secuted by others. The Popes aide (as
alwaies) ready, to gaine kingdomes; the
Spanish Kings assistance; the Scottish
Queenes fauozers; the Duke of Guise
with forces to intrude the realm; the plots
of coastes and hauens for his fit arriuall;
the names of recusants with hope of their
furtherance; the heathens raging, and the
people murmuring, kings banding them-
selues, and princes taking counsel against
the

p The decla-
rat. of W.
Parrystrea-
ton.

91. Sam. 20. 3.

The disco-
uery of Fr.
Throckmort-
treasons, & of
the Earle of
Northum.

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Ps. 2. 4.

the Lord & his anointed. Yet even in that also, were their powers and polities neuer so out-reaching, there shewed himself aboue them a mightier and wiser: ' who sitteth in the heauens, & laugheth them to scorne, discovering and dispersing the smoaky puffes of their endeouours. Which of his accustomed goodnes and bounty he hath done in this too, the last, & I beseech God it be the last, that now he hath disclosed. In the discomfiting whereof, and of the former, his out-stretched arme hath appeared the more glorious: because the underminers of her Maiesties state haue cloaked their attempts with pretense of Religion, and saluation of soules, most subtle meanes & forcible to inueigle men: and, to steal away her subiectes heartes from hir, haue reconciled them to hir dead lie enimie as to their soueraine Pastor: & made them sure vnto him by badges and pledges of halowed graines, of medals, of beades, of Agnus-deis, of crucifixes, of pictures, with * *Fili, da mihi cor tuum, & sufficit*, Sonne, geue me thy heart, and it sufficeth, & other such spiritual sorceries. A practise more dangerous then any of Dauids aduersaries did vse, yea then Absalom himself the cunningst of them al: who

had

* A Popish
emblem fit for
Atheists. See
Prou. 23. 26.

2 Sam. 15. 1.

had no High Priestles that would take vpon them to depose David; noz meritoriousnes to see diuels incarnat with to murder him; noz authorities for Harding, & others, to assoile the that would reuolt from him; noz faculties for Persons and Campian, to instruct them to ¹ obey, or ² rebell, as thinges should fall out, noz Iesuites, and Seminarie-Priests, (like the ³ Donatists) to spreade seditious doctrine, and beare the world in hande that ⁴ when they were punished for it, they wer Martyrs. Wherefore all the woordes of the text, that I treat of, which doe lay befoze vs the most prouident care and fatherly loue of God in sauing and deliuering our most excellent Princeesse out of the hand of her enemies, of Papists, of Atheists, of Malcōtents, base and noble; secret and open; externall and domestical; are fulfilled and verified in our eares this day. It remaineth that the rest which concerne our duty to God for this benefite, be likewise fulfilled and verified in our eares, or in our heartes rather, naie both in heartes and bodie also. The foremost degree and step whereunto is to acknowledge that the Lorde, our blessed strength, our mightie God, is the autour of it: it is he that liueth, that saueh his a-

nointed,

¹ The Pope
Bul granted
to D. Harding
& others, an-
no Dom. 1567
² The exec. of
iustice in Eng.
for treason.
³ Ne Bulla Pij
Quinti obli-
get Catholi-
cos rebus sic
stantibus:
as they stood
anno Dom.
1580.
⁴ Tum de-
mum quando
publica ciui-
dem Bullæ
exequutio fie-
ri poterit.
⁵ Augustin.
contr. epist.
Parmen. l. 1. c.
9. & l. 3. c. 6.
⁶ Bristow Mo-
tiu. 15. Cōcer-
tat. eccl. cath.
in Anglad-
uers. Calu &
Purit. Eccle-
sia Anglicana
trophæa,
Romæ.

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nointed, that geueth her reuengements,
that bringeth people vnder her, that de-
liuereth her from her enemies, from the
cruel man, that exalteth her aboue them
who rise vp against hir, that giueth great
deliuerances, and sheweth mercy to her,
yea to al his seruants, the children of God,
the seed of Christ, for euer. And this haue
our soueraine prouoked vs to doe by her
owne example: ascribing not onely the
present detection and apprehension of
traitors to the great and singular good-
nes of God, but also the infinite blessings
laid vpon her, as many as euer Prince
had, yea rather as euer creature had.
The Lord hath endued her Maiesties per-
son with most rare prudence; her state
with Counsaillers very wise and faithfull;
her Realme with many thousandes of du-
tiful louing subiectes, Nor is it to bee
doubted but that sundry circumspect eies
and loyal handes of these haue been occu-
pied in finding out and bringing to light
the conspiracie. Yet because the Lorde is
the father of lights, & what hath any mā
that he hath not receiued? neither can he
effectuate ought with that he hath except
the Lord blesse it, except the Lord build
the house, they labour in vaine that build
it;

• The Queens
letters to the
L. Mayor of
Lond. and his
brethren.

• Iam. 1. 17.

• 1. Cor. 4. 7.

• Psal. 127. 1.

it; except the Lorde keepe the citie, the
 keeper watcheth in vaine: therefore doth
 her Highnes in the meanes themselves &
 aboue the meanes acknowledge the woo-
 king of the principal agent, vnder whose
 protection her selfe resteth safe, and seeth
 vengeance powred on them that with her
 euil. Which I would to God the disloyall
 hartes, if there bee any more yet, of that
 broode of Cockatrices, did acknowledge
 also: and, as the Prophet willeth, did
 weigh it with themselves, and think vp-
 on their bedde of it. Then were it to bee
 hoped that in consideration thereof they
 would bee still: and after his example,
 whose aduise that is, detest the very breath
 of such as make mention of laying violent
 hande vpon the Lordes anointed. For
 though it were true, as the traiterous li-
 beller endeouureth to perswade men, that
 the Popes sentence against her were as
 lawefull, as Samuels was against Saul;
 which yet is most false, and proued so to
 be; but grant it were true: yet had they to
 remember that Dauid did refraine to lay
 hand on Saul after Samuels sentence; ne-
 rther of humanitie onely, but of duty: for
 who can lay his hand on the Lordes a-
 noointed (saith he) and be gilty? At least,
 if

^e Psal. 4.4.

^f 1. Sam. 24.5.
 & 26.8.

^g The answ. to
 the execut.
 of iust. ca. 5.

^h D. Bilson of
 Christian
 subiect. part 3.

ⁱ 1 Sam. 26.9.

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if they would not be still, as he was, for
conscience sake, yet for ^h fear they might
be: seeing that ^a foule of the aire shall car-
ry the voice, and a bird shall declare the
matter, if they but speak euil of the king,
pea in their thought, much more if they
intend to doe him any euil. And sure, ^m if
they turne not, if they whet their swords,
bend their bows and make them ready,
and getting themselves deadly weapons
prepare their arrowes for persecutors:
they haue traueiled with lewdnesse and
conceiued mischief to bring forth a lie;
into the pit, that they haue digged, they
shal fal; their mischief shal returne vp-
on their owne heads, and on their owne
pates shal their cruelty light. For God
doth giue reuengements vnto his anoi-
nted, and sheweth mercie to his Queene,
aduauncing her aboue them who rise vp
against her. But whether they do vse this
benefit of God to their good, or no: let vs,
my deere brethren, let vs and our houses
(as ^a Iosua said) serue the Lord. And that
not by acknowledging onely Gods good-
nes in this & al his benefites, the foremost
step to thankfulness: but the next also, I
meane, by confessing of him among the
Gentiles, and singing to his name with
yeelding

3-4.

Eccl. 10. 20.

Psalm 7. 12.

Ios. 24. 15.

for the Queenes demerence.

yeelding him al glorie for it. For the Hea-
 chens themselves, in that smal knowlege
 of God which sinne left them, did acknow-
 ledge him to be the worker and autour of
 the commodities that they had. In the
 Greeke Poets ° the Gods are surnamed,
 by a common title, the giuers of good
 thinges. ° The Captaines of the Romans
 hauing conquered their enemies, tooke
 part of the lawrel (which they did bear in
 signe thereof) and laide it in the lap of Iupi-
 ter. The Caldean king subdued diuerse
 nations, tooke their holdes, spoiled their
 cities, seized on their welth, ° ascribing
 that his power & force to his God. But
 ° they did not glorify God as they ought,
 neither were thankful. They robbed him
 of his honour & gaue it vnto many Gods,
 ° their owne Idols, and ° Images of mortal
 creatures. Wea part of the lawrel they
 kept to themselves: ° sacrificing to their
 nets and burning incense to their yarns,
 because by them their portion was fat,
 and their meate plenteous. The time of
 this ignorance is ouerpast, brethren, and
 the daies are come whereof it was ° pro-
 phetied, that the earth should be full of
 the knowledge of the Lorde, as waters
 couer the sea. How much the more ex-

° Oecol. scriptas

id. 1. 1.

° Plini. hist.

natur. lib. 1. 34.

cap. 30.

° 1. 2. mo. 5.

° Hab. 1. 11.

° Rom. 1. 21.

° 1 Cor. 8. 5.

° Dan. 5. 4.

° Rom. 1. 23.

° Hab. 1. 16.

° Esai. 11. 9.

useles that our fowle ingratitude and un-
godlinesse bee: if wee bee no thankfuller to
him then the Heathens, then the Greeks,
the Romans, the Caldeans were. Chiefly
sith beside the temporall benefit of the pre-
servation of our Prince and vs, wee haue
receiued graces moze excellent and preci-
ous to endure for ever: namely, the enjoy-
ing of his Sonne Christ Iesus, our wise-
dome, our righteousness, our sanctificati-
on, our redemption; the Spirit of adopti-
on wherby we haue boldnes to crie Ab-
ba father, the peace of conscience, tranquil-
litie of mind, contentednes of hart: the in-
heritance immortal, undefiled, and that
withereth not; the comfort, the protection,
the assurance of his loue: in a word, so ma-
ny blessings both of this life, & of the life
to come, as neuer any nation vnder hea-
uen greater. Wherefore I beseech you
by the mercies of God, who spared not his
owne Sonne for our sakes, but gaue him
to the death, the vile death of the crosse,
that wee might liue through him: let vs
confesse him sincerely and faithfully not
onely in wordes, but in deedes; and con-
fesse him among the Gentiles, even those
which are strangers and aliens from the
faith that wee may win them to the Lord.
Let

1. Cor. 1. 30.

Rom. 8. 15.

Til. 1. 16.

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Let our conuersation be honest among
them: that by our good woorkes, which
they shal see, they may glorifie God in
the day of the visitatiō. Let vs cast away
profane songs of wantōnes, of lightnes, of
vanity; & sing vnto his name: vsing both
our voice & speech in al respects ^{1. Pet. 2. 12.} as it be-
cometh Saints. To be short, let vs shewe,
let vs strue to shew by al partes of duety
a thankful acceptance of the great salua-
tions that hee hath wrought for vs, and
zealous remembrance of the end wherto:
^{Eph. 5. 3.} that we being deliuered out of the hād
of our enemies, should serue him with-
out feare, in holines & righteousness be-
fore him al the daies of our life. The god-
ly Prince & Prophet, whose vertuous ex-
ample as in al the rest, so in this spectallie
should be a spur vnto vs, calling into mind
how God hath deliuered his soule from
death, his eies from teares, and his feete
from falling, bzake out into these words:
^{Luk. 1. 75.} 'What shal I render to the lord for al his
benefites towards me? I wil take the cup
of saluations, and cal vppon the name of
the Lord: I wil pay my vows to the lord
euen now in the presence of al his peo-
ple. Neither said he more therein then hee
perfourmed. For when ^{1. Chr. 16. 12.} he had offered

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1. sacrifices of thanks-giuing, hee made a
holy banquet therewith vnto the people, in
remembrance of the manifold safeties &
deliuerances that he had receiued. He prai-
sed the Lord, and called vpon his name:
his Psalms do witnesse it to this day. ¹ He
promised that he would iudge righteous-
lie: ¹ hee did it. ² Hee vowed to bring the
arke into a place of rest: ¹ hee brought it.
How great cause we haue, fathers, & bre-
thren, to say as hee saide, What shall wee
render to the Lord: your selues doe well
know. How small care wee shew of doing
as hee did, in praising God, and paying
our vowes before his people: the worlde
dooth see. Our slacknesse in frequenting
of sermons, of prayers, of celebrating the
Lords Supper, and taking the cup of
the saluation of saluations, I wishe it
were amended rather then repproued.
Wee haue made vowes and promises to
God, al, of perpetual holines in baptisme:
some, of special duties, in their seueral cal-
lings. And is it to be hoped that euery one
of vs, though not with Dauids zeale, yet
with some measure of it, will paie them
to the Lord? Sure the greater hope ther-
of is to be had, if that, which hath been mo-
ued of order to be taken for ordinarie ser-
mons

Psal. 57. 2.

2. Sam. 8. 15.

Psal. 132. 2.

2. Sam. 6. 16.

for the Queenes deliuerance

mons and preaching of the woorde on our
Sabbath-daies in the afternoone, not
the forenoon onely, may be effected by the
godly forwardnes of them who should say,
" And this wil we do if God permit. The Heb. 4. 3.
father of mercies & God of al cōfort, who
hath raised vnto vs a most glorious light,
and placed a most gracious Princesse in
the throne of gouernment among vs, sanc-
tify vs throughout wth his holy spirit: that
wee may offer vp the sacrifices of righte-
ousnes, the fruits of our lips, of our harts,
of our hands, to the glory of his name for
al his benefites powred on vs. And as hee
hath hitherto giuen great deliuerances
and shewed mercy to his anointed: so be-
seech we him for his Sonne our Saviours
sake to doe it stil. Saue her, O Lord, saue
her out of the hand of al her enemies. Let
their roote bee as rottenesse, and their
budde as dust, who rise vp against her.
Blesse her with the zealous spirite of Io-
hans, with the peace of Salomon, with the
peares of Dauid: that she may long raigne
a godly, a happy, an auncient Mother
in Israël. Finally continue thy Father-
ly loue and fauour towarde her for ever,
and towards vs her subiects, the children
of

11. Action of thankes-giuing &c.

of thy couenant: that we both in this life &
in the life to come may confesse thy good-
nesse and sing vnto thy name with thy
blessed Seruauntes and elect Angels.
* Praise, and glorie, and wisdom, and
and thankes, and honour, and power,
and might, bee vnto our God for euer-
more. Amen,

Psal. 21.

7 Because the king trusteth in the Lord
and in the mercie of the most High,
he shal not miscarie.

8 Thine hand shal find out all thine e-
nemies: and thy right hand shal find
out them that hate thee.

9 Thou shalt make them like a fierie
fornace in the time of thine anger:
the Lorde shall destroy them in his
wrath, & the fire shal deuoure them.

I am yet a peed
Did write this

When I was 12
years old